

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria in five shellfish propagation waters located in Middlesex County, Virginia.

The impaired segments are located in VDH Growing Area 31 containing Locklies Creek and Mill Creek, Growing Area 32 including Sturgeon Creek and Bush Park Creek, and Growing Area 35 The upper Piankatank River and tributaries. VDH Growing Areas 31 and 31 are tributary to the Rappahannock River. The Piankatank River is tributary to the Chesapeake Bay.

The affected water body segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

This is the first public meeting, to provide information and solicit participation of citizens and local government in the development of the fecal coliform TMDL's to be held on June 23, 2005 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Cooks Corner Office Complex 2911 General Puller Highway, Saluda, Virginia. Directions can be obtained by calling Chester Bigelow at (804) 698-4554.

The public comment period will begin on June 24, 2005, and end on July 25, 2005. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Chester Bigelow and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Requests should be sent to Chester Bigelow, Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23240, telephone (804) 698-4554, Fax (804) 698-4116, or e-mail [ccbigelow@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:ccbigelow@deq.virginia.gov).